

An amendment to reimburse any servicemember or any family who purchases protective body armor. We voted \$79 billion last April, we borrowed, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the President, borrowed \$79 billion for this war last April, and it did not include the body armor. Well, the money was there, yes. But Rumsfeld did not order it because he said, oh, the troops are not going to be there long enough to need it, and people are going to greet them by waving little tiny American flags. So he just did not order the body armor. It is not that they did not have the money. They did not order it. They did not order the armored Humvees for our troops.

What they have not done is incredible, but what they have done is even worse. They have indebted the people of the United States of America for \$87 billion, most of it to benefit the residents of another nation and not here in America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

DISAGREEING WITH THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 3289

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I think we need to put in perspective what just happened and unfolded on the floor of the House. And I think it is important to share this with the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because that is what we are sharing with this afternoon, the journey that we just took and the importance and the monumental statement that we made today.

Just for a slight bit of history and fairness to the debate, might I just say that I opposed the War Resolution of 2002 on the basis of facts. The first question was whether or not the administration made its case on the existence of weapons of mass destruction and whether or not the United States was under imminent attack.

Though I am trained to be polite, and I do not want to say I told you so, clearly this war was not about weapons of mass destruction which have not yet been found, and clearly the United States with the condition of Saddam Hussein and the poorness of his country were not about to be imminently attacked. But the war did occur.

And so I disagree with the majority leader, it is not war. The war against terrorism is our war. And that war had the embrace of the world leaders and nations after 9/11. And we blew up that coalition by going singly, unilaterally without a Constitutional vote in a war against Iraq. We broke the coalition. We broke the friendships and the alliances around the war against terrorism. The war against terrorism is our mutual vote. But there is no suggestion that Iran or Iraq or Korea is anymore engaged in the war against terrorism that would have warranted a preemptive attack against Iraq. But yet our young men and women went forward to the front lines, our neighbors or friends, our sons and daughters, and we rallied around them.

I take issue with the majority leader who would question any Member's patriotism because we refused to go down the rosy path of destruction and foolishness of this administration. How dare you suggest who is unpatriotic and who is not? Yes, I support the troops, and you cannot dare tell me I do not. What have you done?

This past weekend I spent many, many hours with troops in the Middle East, young men and women who did not care whether or not their names were cited. They wanted us to know that there is no exit strategy, that they have been there for 7 and 8 and 9 months and no one will tell them when they can go home, that there are no jobs for them to do there in terms of their particular responsibilities, that the part of their work is over, and yet they still cannot go home, that carpenters and painters and electricians are being used as police officers to knock open doors. Why not the Iraqi police?

When they ask about their pay, Reservists and National Guard, they cannot even get paid proficiently and efficiently. But yet, Madam Speaker, today the majority of this Congress voted \$3.2 billion for security and law enforcement in Iraq, \$1.3 billion for justice public safety and civil society infrastructure, \$5.65 billion for electrical generation, and \$2.1 billion for oil infrastructure, and \$4.3 billion for water resources.

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Of course we should help rebuild Iraq; I am not an isolationist. As we should Liberia and Haiti. But it is interesting how you can find little help and little resources for them.

This U.N. Security Council resolution that we are bragging about, it is a paper tiger. There is no commitment of troops. There is no fresh infusion of troops. The RAND Corporation said that if we were going to have the number of troops that we needed, we needed 350,000 troops on the ground. We have barely 130,000. We do not have fresh troops to be able to put in so our other troops can go home. And then on top of that we have a situation where we are not paying our troops.

So my amendments regarding making sure they get paid, not allowed. My amendments saying there should be an exit strategy, not allowed. My amendment to prohibit funds to be used until there is an exit strategy, not allowed. My amendment that would restore back to Condoleezza Rice the right to coordinate the funds to oversee the President's plan, stricken or not allowed. They have language in there that says she cannot control the monies, and she has been put over the plan that should be rebuilding Iraq.

My amendment to separate the vote, meaning vote from the troops separately from the rebuild so that we can collaborate in the Madrid conference, not allowed. None of the serious amendments allowed on the basis of supporting our troops was in order. We were stopped in our tracks.

I am glad to say that most of the American people have enough sense to know that this is a foolish, misdirected, and unfortunate policy of the United States. I hope we will come together on behalf of the troops. And how dare you suggest that any of our patriotism should be questioned.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MUSGRAVE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SKELTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. LEE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

MISGUIDED POLICY OF NATION BUILDING IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I want to spend a little bit of time this evening talking about the bill that we spent 3 days debating. That is the \$87 billion appropriations bill that we just voted on and passed, not so much that I want to rehash what we did during these 3 days as much as to make a point that we ought to be debating something other than the technicality of how to spend \$87 billion of the taxpayers' money. And that has to do with overall policy.